

**District III Advisory Board Minutes**  
**August 2, 2006**  
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The District III Advisory Board meeting was held at 7 p.m. at the Wichita Water Center at 101 E Pawnee. Eight District Advisory Board members were in attendance. Three City staffers, one consultant and 11 members of the public were present.

**Members Present**

Dewayne Kitchen  
Joann Hartig  
Gerry Myers  
Jim Gulick  
Judy Dillard  
Bill Ward  
Jesse Sheffield  
Teresa Cook

Charlotte Foster  
Matt Foley  
Councilman Jim Skelton

**Staff Present**

Officer Steve Jerrell, Patrol East  
Janet Johnson, Neighborhood Assistant  
Larry Foos, Park and Recreation

**Members Absent**

John Kemp

**Guests**

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Bill Ward** called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Approval of the meeting minutes from July 19, 2006, was postponed due to a mailing error.

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

1. There were no scheduled items submitted.
2. There were no off agenda items presented.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Community Police Report**

**Officer Steve Jerrell, Patrol East Beat 33**, reported that burglaries are up in the Patrol East area and car larcenies are remaining at about the same level. He announced that the Planeview Activity Camp for Kids finished its fifth year and ended with a picnic attended by around 75 kids and 40 parents. He also noted that graffiti is on the rise and is showing up in multiple areas in southeast Wichita. He encouraged citizens to call immediately on graffiti.

**Gail Martinson, 2121 S. Mosley**, said that she had concerns about a property in her neighborhood. **Officer Jerrell** suggested that she ask **Janet Johnson** to check into it.

**Bill Ward** said he wanted to commend the police for responding to his residence so quickly the other day when someone was trying to come in his front door around 5 a.m. It turned out the person was lost and intoxicated.

**Officer Jerrell** reported that the police caught one of the College Hill burglars a while back and they recently apprehended a second burglar in that area. He said that most of the houses that were being broke into at night, the residents had failed to lock their back doors.

**Action: Received and file.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **O.J. Watson Park train**

**Larry Foos, Park and Recreation, and Kurt Skinner, Law/Kingdon**, presented the Board with a design presentation for O.J. Watson Park train track expansion. The track expansion would offer some whistle stops that would allow citizens to use the train to get around to different areas of the park. They are also proposing a new train barn that would serve as a tunnel to ride through and the train would actually be housed in it at night.

**Foos** said they had considered expanding the train track to the island located in one of the Watson Park lakes, but decided it would be too expensive and would also be difficult to monitor visitors on the island.

**Jesse Sheffield** said he thought the island should be left alone for the wildlife.

**Judy Dillard (Gulick)** made a motion that the Board support the project.

**Motion passed 8:0.**

**Action: Board moved to approve the project.**

## **BOARD AGENDA**

### **Updates, Issues and Reports**

**DeWayne Kitchen** reported that his Neighborhood Association utilized the PACK children to deliver their newsletters. He said PACK is a great program in Planeview that cuts down on the issues of unsupervised children during the summer months. He also reported that the Planeview signs on Ross Parkway had sustained some storm damage and they were going to try to locate some grant funding that would pay for needed repairs. They are also working closely with the police department to address the graffiti issues.

**Teresa Cook** said they had a good turn out at their National Night Out block party and that Councilman Brewer and some other people from District 1 attended.

**Jesse Sheffield** said Larry Manny sent a letter to the editor that ran in the Wichita Eagle regarding the need for the South City fire station. He also said that the Eagle is going to do a story, and possibly KAKE-TV. He also shared a graph that shows the projected call volume, with the South

area having the highest projected calls. Jesse said they are planning two more demonstrations at City Hall on Aug. 8 and Aug. 15.

**Larry Manny, 1116 Alturas**, said he not only sent the letter to the editor, but also to the Mayor and all of the City Council members.

**Judy Dillard** said she supports **Jesse** in this endeavor and that trains routinely block Wassall, MacArthur and Pawnee streets. She also said her neighborhood association is going to host a candidate forum the first Monday in October.

**Jim Gulick** announced that **Councilman Skelton** had broken his leg and is going to have surgery next Tuesday. He also thanked all those who participated in the last fire station demonstration outside City Hall, and said they look forward to everyone showing up again on Aug. 8 and 15. Gulick said their National Night Out block party didn't have as big a turn out as in year's past, but all those who did attend had a good time.

**JoAnn Hartig** said she was pleased with their National Night Out block party, but they also had less attendance than last year, probably due to the hot weather.

**Gerry Myers** said he had just returned from a trip to Houston, Texas, and they are having a lot of problems with gangs there. He said it is so bad, one business had to close down because they couldn't hire enough security to control the gangs who were attending. He said it is important that citizens who see gang writing call the police and report it because the same thing could happen in Wichita as Houston.

**Bill Ward** said **Councilman Skelton** hopes to be able to attend the next DAB meeting. He said the Councilman will miss a couple more Council meetings, but citizens can still call him or e-mail him with any concerns that they have.

**Jim Gulick** said he would like to take up a collection to buy a get-well gift for **Councilman Skelton**. He said if anyone is opposed to the idea, he didn't want him or her to contribute.

### **Adjournment**

**DeWayne Kitchen (Myers) made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed 8:0.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting for District Advisory Board III will be held at 7 p.m., September 6, 2006, at the Water Center 101 E. Pawnee.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Johnson,  
Neighborhood Assistant – District III

**Guests**

Donna Thorton	2714 Southfork
Lynda Novotny	1209 Jump
Kathy Manny	1116 Alturas
Larry Manny	1116 Alturas
Claudia Lee	2826 Greenwood
James Pruden	2918 E. Morris
Mary Smith	307 W. 33 <sup>rd</sup> St. South
Gail Martinson	2121 S. Mosley
Bill Barnes	2707 S. Hillside
Goldie Barnes	2707 S. Hillside
Howard McCoy	2356 S. Terrace